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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Honorable Sara Kyle
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Petition to Suspend BellSouth Tariff No. TN 2002-256 and to Convene a
Contested Case Proceeding
Docket No. 02-01073

Dear Chairman Kyle:

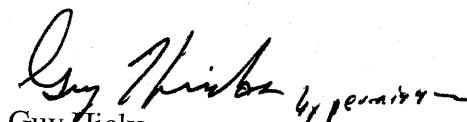
The parties to the above-captioned proceeding, which is on the TRA conference agenda for February 3, 2003, are presently engaged in settlement negotiations which may resolve all pending issues.

The parties have agreed that, in order for these discussions to continue, the tariff should remain suspended until March 18, 2003.

Consistent with that agreement, the parties also intend to ask the Hearing Officer, Lynn Questell, to postpone by thirty days all dates in the proposed procedural schedule which was issued January 30, 2003.

Very truly yours,


Henry Walker


Guy Hicks

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